## **PROCLAMATION**



## Office of the Mayor

**WHEREAS**, libraries transform and strengthen communities by providing services, resources, and ideas for all members of the community regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or socioeconomic status, and are a cornerstone of democracy; and

**WHEREAS**, today's libraries are less about what is on their shelves and more about what they do within communities, whether through virtual or in person services; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries are at the heart of cities, towns, schools, and campuses, and have served as trusted, treasured institutions for people of all ages, interests, and backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, libraries and librarians build strong communities and promote civic engagements through transformative services, programs, and expertise; and

**WHEREAS**, librarians, library workers, and library volunteers partner with other civic organizations to make sure community needs are met and empower communities to make informed decisions by providing free access to accurate information for all people.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, JACOB A. WOODFORD, Mayor of the City of Appleton, Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim the week of April 4 through April 10, 2021 as

## **Library Week**

in Appleton and encourage all residents to visit libraries with limited in person browsing and library websites to access resources and services.

Signed and sealed this 2"day of April 2021.

JACOB A. WOODFORD

MAYOR OF APPLETON